

SENATE BILL 1626
By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 48; Title 49 and Title 68, relative to lotteries, including annual events authorized by the general assembly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 15, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated part:

Section 3-15-1001. There is hereby created a special joint committee of the general assembly to be known as the select committee on gaming.

Section 3-15-1002.

(a) The select committee shall be composed of sixteen (16) members. Eight (8) senators shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate, provided that: at least two (2) of whom shall be appointed from the membership of the judiciary committee; at least two (2) of whom shall be appointed from the membership of the state and local government committee; and, at least one (1) of whom shall be appointed from the membership of the finance, ways and means committee. Eight (8) representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, provided that: at least two (2) of whom shall be appointed from the membership of the judiciary committee; at least two (2) of whom

shall be appointed from the membership of the state and local government committee; and, at least one (1) of whom shall be appointed from the membership of the finance, ways and means committee. The committee shall elect from its membership a chair, a vice chair, and such other officers as it deems necessary. During the organizational session of each general assembly, the respective speakers shall appoint or reappoint members to serve on the select committee on gaming. Any vacancies occurring on the select committee, between organizational sessions, shall be filled by the respective speakers in accordance with the guidelines established in this subsection.

(b) The select committee, at the call of the chairs, shall periodically inquire into and review:

(1) The operations of any state lottery enacted by the general assembly as well as periodically review and evaluate the success with which the state lottery is accomplishing its statutory duties and functions as otherwise provided by law; and

(2) The operations of any annual events operated for the benefit of a 501(c)(3) organization located in this state.

(c) The select committee may conduct, or cause to be conducted, any independent audit or investigation of the state lottery or annual events it deems necessary.

(d) Members of the select committee shall be entitled to reimbursement for their expenses in attending meetings of the committee or any subcommittee thereof at the same rates and in the same manner as when attending the general assembly.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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